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Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl chain of all virtues.—Bishop Hall.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

The platform presented to the Republican territorial convention this afternoon by the convention's platform committee is on the whole a progressive document. It has something to say, and that something is said in no uncertain terms.

The land and water plank is a compromise, and no man can say now whether legislation such as is suggested will work out to the fullest expectations of those who advocate the measures, but we believe a sincere effort has been made toward the conservation of public lands and water, even though that effort is inextricably mixed with territorial politics. Secretary Fisher's hearings have shown unmistakably that there is wide divergence of opinion among men devotedly working for the progress of home-steading in this territory, and the plank as adopted must still submit to the ordeal by fire of actual practice after suitable legislation. But it is a seeking toward the light, at any rate.

There is much of real progressiveness in this document. The needs of education, of territorial harbor and wharf improvements, of sanitation, of fisheries, are recognized. The direct primary is again advocated, and steps are taken to safeguard the purity and independence of the ballot, while suffrage for the women of the territory is a distinct advance along the line of country-wide political progress. Impartial supervision of public utility corporations by a suitable commission is a measure as desirable for the corporations as for the people, and other emphasis is placed on cooperation and harmony between capital and labor. As to the liquor plank, the STAR-BULLETIN believes that further restrictions against the sale of adulterated intoxicants are necessary, which experience has certainly proved, but it is possible that the liquor license commissions may provide these under the present law.

As a document for the Republican party to go into the campaign with, the platform is an admirable one. It is essentially a platform that guarantees the kind of legislation that the average citizen, the home-owner and home-builder of this territory, can endorse, and by the adoption of this document, the Republican party takes a great step forward toward another victory this fall.

REPUBLICAN TERRITORIAL PLATFORM AS SUBMITTED

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tenance of homestead roads, we favor the enactment of laws making it mandatory for the officers charged with the administration of the law to construct and maintain proper roads connecting such lands with other public highways, the cost thereof to be paid out of the proceeds of the sales of such lands. The diversion of funds arising from the disposal of such lands for other purposes should not be permitted, nor should any diversion whatsoever as to their use be given.

We further believe that, under proper regulations for security, provision should be made by which public funds may be loaned homesteaders prior to patent for the purpose of improving lands settled on.

For the purpose of further developing the resources of the Territory, we favor the enactment of laws by which the Territorial government may impound and distribute for the purposes of irrigation the waters belonging to the Territory, we pledge our Delegate in Congress to work to secure Congressional legislation permitting the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to enact laws similar to the acts of Congress under which irrigation works to be used in the reclamation of arid lands are constructed by the government.

Realizing that the Legislature of the Territory is limited in power in dealing with land laws, we pledge our representatives in the Legislature to the adoption of a memorial to the Congress of the United States for the enactment of proper laws by which these results may be accomplished, and further pledge thereto the hearty support of our Delegate in Congress.

We believe that no corporation or individual should be permitted to lease from the Territory of Hawaii at any one time a greater amount of pastoral land than is sufficient to constitute a ranch or farm which may be operated at a reasonable profit. In this way men of moderate means may be encouraged to engage in industries for which such pastoral lands are adapted, and the control of vast areas of public lands, and the consequent monopoly of the products of such lands by one corporation or individual may be prevented.

IMMIGRATION.

The continued prosperity of Hawaii, and the healthy growth of a

rapidly increasing list of industries render it imperative that the immigration of desirable laborers, either citizens or eligible to become citizens of the United States, be encouraged in every legitimate way, and that proper financial assistance be given by the Territory to aid such immigration. We therefore favor the continuance for the period of two years of the present law relative to assisting immigration, and further favor the enactment of laws which shall properly safeguard the expenditure of such funds, to the end that no part of the appropriation shall be needlessly squandered, either in the payment of unnecessarily high salaries or for the importation of immigrants undesirable from either moral or physical standpoints, or suffering from dangerous, infectious or contagious diseases; provided, that the law enacted under this plank shall not be carried out so long as the employers of labor through any of their agencies, continue to bring to Hawaii individuals as laborers who are, by reason of their physical or moral conditions, regarded undesirable citizens of Hawaii.

We favor the passage of quarantine laws by which the Territory may be amply protected against the introduction into the Territory, through immigrants from either foreign ports or ports of the United States, of dangerous, contagious or infectious diseases.

WHARVES AND BUILDINGS.
We realize the paramount necessity for providing for adequate wharf and landing facilities and approaches thereto, to accommodate the rapidly increasing commerce of the Territory, and particularly in view of the approaching completion of the Panama Canal, we pledge our representatives in the coming Legislature to make sufficient appropriations for providing for such improvements as soon as practicable.

We further pledge our representatives in the coming Legislature to continue liberal appropriations for these purposes, and to the enactment of legislation in connection with such improvements which shall effectually prevent the granting of any special privileges whatsoever in the use of the wharves and landings to be constructed.

GRANTS TO TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES.
While the development of means of

SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOLS

The Republican party in Hawaii is emphasizing a stand already taken in declaring for a liberal and vigorous policy in support of the public school system of this territory. It was the Republican party which two years ago made this a prominent platform issue, and transformed its words into deeds when a Republican legislature made appropriations for school purposes running into the millions and upholding a progressive system of education.

"Education of the youth of Hawaii should have first claim upon the revenues of the territory," was the ringing announcement of the Republican platform of 1910, and that declaration holds as good today as it did then.

W. A. Bowen, delegate to the territorial convention, did a timely thing yesterday in bringing forward the question of public school support and placing it before the platform committee, and the applause which greeted his action proved that the Republican party of this territory is in sympathy with a progressive public school policy.

Great as was the work of the last legislature, the experience of the two years since then shows that the public schools are crowded beyond tolerance. Sturdy, oncoming youth is clamoring at the doors of every school in every island for the opportunity to share the benefits of education under the effective American system. Upon the citizens of this territory rests now, as it has rested before, the responsibility for making our schools accessible to every child in Hawaii.

No political party could have a sounder, safer, more constructive plank than that of liberal support for education, and the Republican party must rise to a responsibility that is at the same time a wonderful opportunity.

Delegate Kuhio's natural stand that unless the Republican party adopts a platform which he can accept, he is not justified in running as the Republican nominee, seems to be peeving the late secretarial aspirant.

Perhaps the attacks on Kuhio are inspired by the fact that Lorrin Andrews is not writing the Republican territorial platform.

No one can accuse the Republican territorial convention of unseemly haste to get through its business.

Secretary Fisher's island itinerary resembles a pursuit race.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

NAVAL CIVIL ENGINEER E. R. GAYLER—Work on the drydock is going along splendidly now, and concrete is being poured every day. Machinery for the finished dock is on the way here too, for I have just received word that the four Alberger pumps, which are motor driven and which will pump out the dock in about an hour and a quarter, have been shipped by steamer freight from New York.

BOWERS WILL FIGHT CASE

Bert Bowers, local chauffeur, alleged by the police as driving a machine believed to be the property of Homer Smith, a stock-buyer, and charged with fast and heedless driving, proposes to fight the case in court. Bowers having retained Attorney Leon Straus to conduct his interests in district court.

Special Motorcycle Officer Chilton claims that Bowers was proceeding at a rapid rate as he cleared Kalakaua avenue into King street last night. The statement is also made that while the machine skidded for many feet, crashing into a hedge fence, the car maintained an even keel and did not turn over as reported in a morning paper.

Chilton and other officers are on the case and are rounding up witnesses including a half dozen members of a joy riding party which is alleged to have called at several places at Waikiki. The police also charge that one or more of the party were much under the influence of liquor.

The case has been set for hearing tomorrow morning.

William Jury is a juvenile and is alleged by Special License Officer Fennell as having been found in a downtown saloon, demanding that he be served with a large and cooling draught of nut brown beverage. Jury is said to have declared to the bartender that he was over twenty-one years of age, when records have been produced that show that he is hardly past fifteen.

Jury is committed to the Juvenile Court for trial.

Officer Fennell secured a conviction in the case of Chang Chung, who is alleged to have done a thriving business in the sale of intoxicants near Puuloa Camp. The Chinese was placed under arrest and deposited ball to the amount of one hundred dollars. This sum was forfeited this morning when the case was called at Judge Monsarrat's court.

Attorney Charles Chillingworth noted an appeal to a higher court upon the passing of sentence by Judge Monsarrat of five dollars and costs upon forty-two Chinese, who were alleged by Chief of Detectives McDuffie and his men as maintaining a place barricaded in such manner as to make it impossible for police officers to enter, and where gambling games were being conducted in violation of existing statutes.

The defendants entered a plea of not guilty. Chillingworth fought the case at every angle, despite the array of witnesses drawn from among the police officers. McDuffie claimed to have forced his way into the apartment only after smashing a window. He alleges that he distinctly heard noises that indicated that money and dice were being moved about. The courtroom was crowded with the defendant Chinese and their friends.

U. S. TO TRY HAWAII HORSES FOR HORSELESS CAVALRY

War Department Changes Its Front and Orders Purchases To Be Made Here

Hawaiian-bred horses are to be purchased by the army. After the disapproval of a strong recommendation of the quartermasters department that remounts for island troops be bought in the islands, the War Department has swung round, and has now authorized the securing of 70 cavalry chargers.

This news comes as a pleasing surprise to officers of the mounted service here, and to members of the department staff who have made a study of the situation. Some months ago Captain Game, then depot quartermaster, made an extended trip to Hawaii and Maui, and looked up the horse question from A to Z. He came back heartily in favor of local purchases, but his report, while meeting with the approval of the department commandant, was turned down in Washington, presumably because the quartermaster general wished all available funds for remounts spent on the army remount depots.

The problem of mounting the "horseless cavalry" of Oahu has become so acute, however, that the change of policy came round. The remount depots were completely depleted after horsing the two regiments of cavalry that recently returned from the Philippines, leaving all their animals behind them as is the general custom. The word went out that no more horses would be available for one horse in the Fifth, it became apparent that some action must be taken at once. Hence the order to buy 70 head.

A purchasing and selection board, composed of Major B. Frank Cheatham, chief quartermaster of the department, Dr. L. E. Case, the quartermaster veterinarian, and one Cavalry officer still to be appointed, will make the trip to Hawaii next week, and look over the stock on the Parker ranch.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

THE SECRETARYSHIP.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,

Sir:—In your issue of the 16th inst., under the heading "Chillingworth After Job as Secretary" you say "Will Charles Chillingworth be named Secretary to Kuhio providing the latter is elected? Chillingworth has nothing to say on the subject," etc.

I feel that in fairness to Prince Cupid and to myself that I should correct any such impression, for I am not and never will be UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES an applicant for the position, for my business, which it has taken seven years of hardship, worry and disappointments, is not to be set aside for any Government position.

The statement, "Chillingworth has nothing to say" is misleading, for no person, directly or indirectly, has ever broached the subject to me and, if asked, would certainly have answered emphatically NO.

As to the rest of the article, I have only this to say. That with the assurance of the Promotion Committee, of their united support and confidence in me, I shall continue to do all in my power to make the Floral Parade of 1913 an unqualified success.

Thanking in advance for the privilege accorded, I am, yours very truly,
CHAS. F. CHILLINGWORTH.

THE SALOON IN POLITICS.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,

Sir: Do the delegates composing the convention know that if they select a liquor man to run on the Republican ticket for the position of supervisor they are only courting defeat to him, and the election of a gentleman from another party? The anti-saloon men and other good citizens have kept out of politics so far, but they will not go blindly to the polls on election day and vote for any liquor man for any office, irrespective of party.

If Mr. Bratlett is named by the Republicans for the position of supervisor, he will not be elected. An organized effort will at once be made against him, and the Democrats can count on the election of one man at least. Those interested in the sale of liquor as is Mr. Bratlett, cannot and should not expect the good people of Honolulu who are favorable to the restriction in the sale of the article to sit blindly by and see him elected to so important a position. Such men are not the ones to govern our city and make laws for us, no matter what qualifications otherwise. There is no objection to the man who drinks, but the man directly in the business—the man who is interested only in the quantity he can put out, regardless to whom—cannot be elected even though nominated. So, gentlemen, do not court defeat by nominating such a man.

The Star-Bulletin is to be commended by all good people of the city for the stand it has taken on the liquor question, and, too, for declining to sell its columns for advertising the stuff to "family trade." Why not make it "good for babies"? It looks to the subscriber that an attempt is being made to get the support of the editors in getting a hold on our government.

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